(b) and (c) The employment generation Schemes are on-going and implemented in accordance with the guidelines, by and large, as per appraisal made by the Ministry. Information on families crossing above the poverty line is not maintained.

Revival of dormant National Fund for Rural Development

276. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOP MENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Fund for Rural Development was started in 1995-96 which has since become dormant;

(b) if so, the salient features of this scheme;

(c) the total amount collected in this fund;

(d) whether with a view to get more revenues for the vast rural undeveloped sector, the Government have revived the dormant National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No Sir. The National Fund for Rural Development (NFRD) was set up in February, 1984.

(b) The NFRD is envisaged to act as a chennel for mobilising efforts and resources from individuals, corporate and non-corporate bodies for taking up rural developmental activities.

(c) So far an amount of Rs. 11,71,98,065.15 has been collected in the Fund.

(d) and'(e) Does not arise.

Assistance to educated unemployed youth under SGSY and GRY

277. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL